

**PIMA COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
FOR THE SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL  
4400 E. BROADWAY, #300  
Tucson, Arizona 85711  
September 28, 2007  
Minutes (with revisions)**

**Committee Members Present:**

Ken Karrels  
John S O'Dowd  
Elizabeth Edwards  
Mary Wetzel  
Susan Hyder  
Ellie Schorr  
Joe Mucenski

**Committee Members Absent:**

Dave Ruitenber  
Lanice Ameling

**ADVISORS PRESENT:**

Karen Smith, ADHS HRC Coordinator  
Yisel Sanchez, ADHS Ad. Assistant

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

Barbara

Issue	Discussion	Action/Outcomes	Responsible Party(ies)	Date Due
<b>Review of minutes from 8/28/07 meeting</b>	August 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2007 Minutes	A motion was made to accept the minutes with no changes. Motion passed unanimously	John O'Dowd moved and Elizabeth Edwards seconded.	N/A
<b>Announcements</b>				N/A
<b>Public Comment</b>	Barbara informed CPSA that people were smoking inside pods. Also asked if Noel could look into providing a second table which would be designated to non smokers. There is no available seating area for non smokers currently.	Concern from Barbara regarding smoking in pods has been addresses by posting no smoking signs in pods and is working. Noel will follow up with this issue. He will try to get a table for facility.	Noel Gonzalez	
<b>DBHS Report: Karen</b>	All comments have been reviewed for the new policy. Policy is currently in the process of going to AHCCCS and will become public thereafter. Karen also brought copies of website with address to make it easier for committee to access site.		Karen	9/25/07

<b>Elizabeth- I/A &amp; S/R Reports</b>	Charlie Arbaugh nomination was presented to the committee.  Data processing- all reports requiring further actions will be entered into the database system.	A motion was made to accept Charlie to HRC committee. Motion passed unanimously Karen will present nomination at ADHS when she returns to Phx.	Elizabeth moved and John O'Dowd seconded.	TBD
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	<p>Committee discussed the option of Yisel generating monthly reports and presenting them to the committee.</p> <p>Joe is also asking that someone on the committee have access to data base besides Yisel.</p> <p>Joe brought up a concern that has already been addressed in the past. He asked that each correspondence letter sent by Thelma indicate which member of the committee who made the request.</p>	<p>Data processing information was an outcome of a phone conversation between Ken and Margery Sheridan. Reports running will be discussed with Margery.</p> <p>Karen will talk to Margery about letters including individual's names/codes.</p>	Margery	
<b>SAMHC/ PALO Verde Hosp/reporting Issues</b>	<p>Question came up as to why the HRC was not receiving any seclusion and restraint from either facility.</p>	<p>The agency responsible for dispersing information is the office of Assurance and Licensure not DBHS.</p>	Noel will look into issue a little more in depth.	
<b>Center for Dis. Law</b>	<p>Michele has requested TMC report from Sandra Stauffacher in regards to deaths and lack of timeliness.</p> <p>Jail is having a site review. Jail is showing some improvements although juvenile side still needs improvement, the use of restraint is the key concern.</p>		Michele	
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Elly and Joe assisted NAMI of Southern Arizona in completing a Freedom of Information request asking the Pima County Sherriff's office for basic information on how they deal with people who are mentally ill.</p>	<p>Michele will review letter and make necessary recommendations to Joe.</p>		

	<p>They reported to the PCHRC that the response received was not satisfactory. The recommendation is to send a second letter asking additional clarification be provided to answer the questions in the original letter.</p> <p>Several committee members have also received phone calls from Dr. Pamela Golden a friend of the doctor that was killed by a police officer.</p>	<p>A meeting will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the Pima Society Bldg to try to “connect the dots” and come up with some answers.</p>		
<b>CPSA Trends/Reports Housing, Consumer Issues, Case Management Loads, Room/Board, Utilization Review, New programs</b>	<p>The admin review is coming up in October.</p> <p>Noel reported back on issue he investigated on Ocotillo regarding appropriate discharge placement.</p> <p>Noel has informed us that the Youth Etc.’s entire facility is closed.</p> <p>Michele asked why she was told by a case manger that housing money was only for COT clients.</p>	<p>Noel investigated on Ocotillo issue and spoke to different managers who reported that there were no issues noted.</p> <p>Noel responded to the committee’s question regarding receiving I &amp; A reports from Palo Verde. He noted that any reports that have been received have been redacted and sent to the PCHRC.</p> <p>Noel reported that an I &amp; A report is completed when the incident occurs in a facility contracted with CPSA providers. The</p>	Noel Gonzalez	

		<p>incidents referred to in the discussion apparently occurred outside the facility. Noel reported that the length of stay begins when the patient enters the door, and the average length of stay is 23 hrs.</p> <p>Susan informed Michele that facilities can and will set their own priorities.</p>		
<b>Upcoming Meeting</b>	Next Meeting Date October 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2007	Adjournment 12:13 PM		9/25/07